

TOKUSHIMA PREFECTURE 2023 JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST



1. PURPOSE True internationalization cannot be achieved without first coming in touch with other cultures and ways of life, fostering a sense of international awareness and gaining mutual understanding with people of the world to create a society in which we can all work and live together in harmony. This speech contest seeks to give a voice to the international residents of Tokushima Prefecture and engage them in a dialogue to further discourse on cross-cultural understanding and fostering multiculturalism.
2. DATE & PLACE July 23rd, 2023 (Sunday), 13:00 - 16:30
Awagin Hall (Tokushima Arts Foundation for Culture) Small Hall (5F)
3. ELIGIBILITY Only foreign residents whose native language is not Japanese are eligible to apply. (Additionally, foreign residents who have had over three years of compulsory education in Japan, or those who have previously won the Grand Prize or the Tokushima Prefectural Assembly's Chairman of the Federation of International Exchange Assembly Members Award, are not eligible to apply.)
4. SELECTION We are recruiting a wide-array of foreign residents. We will have all applicants submit a draft of their speech. After a screening of the speech drafts, we will select 10 applicants to participate in the actual contest.
5. THEME The topic is left to your discretion, but it should relate to the event's purpose of fostering cross-cultural understanding and multiculturalism. (Speeches must not include political or religious content, and must not criticize a particular person or group.)
6. LENGTH Speeches should be no more than 6 minutes in length.
7. AWARDS
 - Grand Prize, one person (Prize: 50,000 yen gift certificate)
 - The Tokushima Prefectural Assembly's Federation of International Exchange Assembly Members Chairman's Award, one person (Prize: 30,000 yen gift certificate)
 - Awa Bank Award, one person (Prize: 30,000 yen gift certificate)
 - Tokushima Taisho Bank Award, one person (Prize: 30,000 yen gift certificate)
 - Tokushima Chamber of Commerce and Industry Award, one person (Prize: 30,000 yen gift certificate)
 - Tokushima City International Association Special Recognition Award, three people (Prize: 10,000 yen gift certificate)
 - Special Effort Award, to be decided (Prize: 5,000 yen gift certificate)*All participants will receive a participation award.
8. HOW TO APPLY Submit your application form and speech draft by email, FAX, or in-person (information written below). Your speech draft may be either handwritten or typed on a computer. You can download the application form from TOPIA's website.
9. DEADLINE May 25th, 2023 (Thursday) Applications must be turned in by 5:00 PM.
10. ORGANIZED BY Tokushima Prefecture &
Tokushima Prefectural International Exchange Association (TOPIA)
11. CO-ORGANIZER (Planned) Tokushima Regional Conference for Promotion of Student Exchange
12. SPONSORS (Planned) The Tokushima Prefectural Assembly's Federation of International Exchange Assembly Members, Awa Bank, Tokushima Taisho Bank, Tokushima Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Tokushima International Association (TIA), Otsuka Pharmaceuticals, Nichia Corporation
13. WITH THE SUPPORT OF (Planned) NHK Tokushima, Shikoku Broadcasting, Tokushima Shimibun, Cable TV Tokushima, FM Tokushima, FM Bizan
14. WHERE TO APPLY Tokushima Prefectural International Exchange Association (TOPIA)
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